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To the EPA National Remedy Review Board,

Over the last six years, as one of the producers of the HBO documentary, Mann V. Ford, I have gotten to know well the people who live on the Ringwood Mines Superfund site. I have also come to a deeper understanding of the impact that toxic waste can have on the health, lives and hopes of an entirely community of people.

I am writing this letter to support a resolution passed by the leaders of the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Community Advisory Group, calling for the full removal of all waste from the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site in Ringwood, New Jersey. This site includes Peter's Mine, Cannon Mine, and the O'Connor Disposal Area.

Simply capping these mines would add yet another chapter of injustice to the people of this community. For too long they have suffered premature deaths, cancers and autoimmune diseases believed to be linked to toxic waste dumped in their community four decades ago. Today, if you listen to their voices, you will hear how they continue to live in the fear that the chemicals buried in these remaining mine sites may leach out and negatively impact their health and the lives of future generations.

Ringwood now stands as the symbol of the failure of the superfund program to adequately protect the lives of a poor and disenfranchised people. Given the long and tortured history of this site -- and the courageous people living on it -- any additional exposure, no matter how small, is simply unacceptable.

The only acceptable alternative is complete removal of all wastes.

It long past the time that this story had a happy ending.

Respectfully,

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